

USIA SURVEY

Memorandum of Meeting of 26 May 1954
1778 Pennsylvania Avenue at 2:30 P.M.

Member of Survey: Mr. James Q. Reber, CIA
Observers: USIA Mr. Louis P. Olom, CPI
State Mr. George A. Pope, IAD
Mr. Fred W. Shipman, DC/RM

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SUBJECT: USIA Intelligence Survey: Reference and
Collection (at Headquarters) for USIA

Conclusion of the Discussion:

1. It was the consensus, on the basis of exploratory conversation today: (a) that there are many aspects of biographic, reference, publications procurement and graphics (reference and procurement) where the interests of the agencies represented could benefit by cooperation; (b) that the occasion for looking into these possible relationships and working out agreements should, in the main, be when VOA has moved to Washington in the fall; (c) and that an immediate action which would facilitate dealing with specific problems meanwhile would be the establishment of a central supervisory function for such activities in USIA.

2. Such supervisory function would be, generally speaking, an analog of the OCD-GLI function in CIA and State respectively.

3. The following persons agreed to take the following actions:

Mr. Pope:

(a) To report to Mr. Reber whether FDD is producing anything particularly useful in the biographic line for BI; (Answer: Yes. In addition Mr. Pope reported that of 80,000 names, 19,000 are foreign, VOA and BI/State exchange finished reports.)

(b) To provide Mr. Reber with a report which bears upon Mr. Newpher's operation at VOA which indicates their holdings and sources and the extent to which they are already encompassed by holdings of the intelligence community in Washington;

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(c) To look into the question of the security of the [REDACTED] of Mr. Newpher and to see whether this source has any possibilities not known to the intelligence community; (Security OK; sources being checked.)

(d) What types of materials IAD is now sending VOA and USIA, Washington.

Mr. Reber:

(a) Arrange a meeting with Mr. Humphrey of ICS/USIA and those present today to explore, among other things, intelligence possibilities of the Franklin publications and possibilities in the use of information centers for publication procurement;

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(b) Check with [REDACTED] regarding the use of CIA motion picture files;

(c) To explore with appropriate persons the possibility of adapting and expanding NIS Sections 43 on Information and Education.